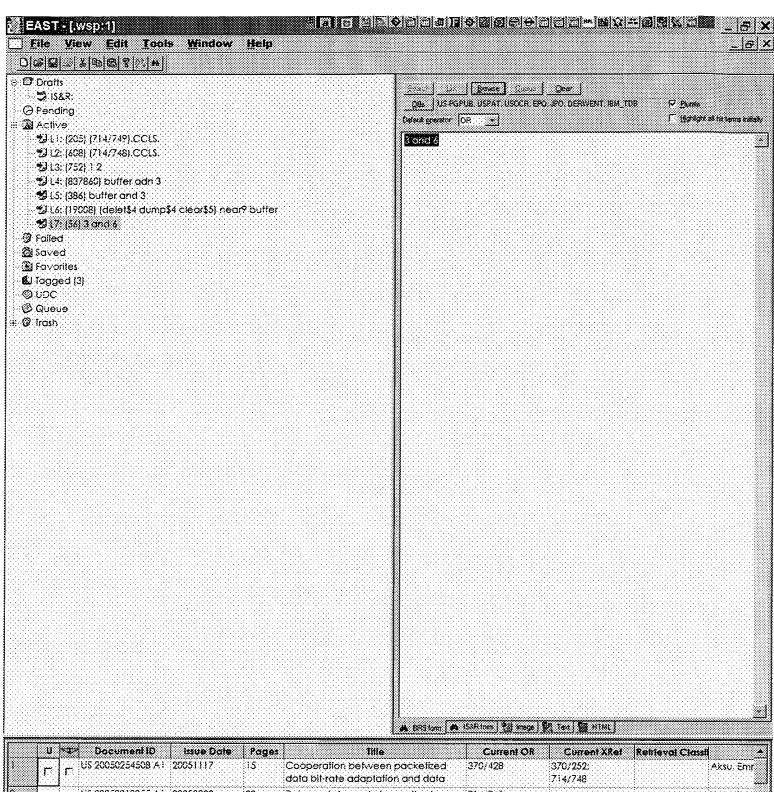
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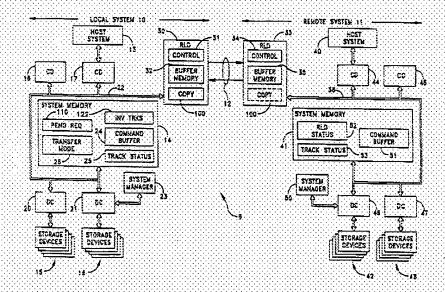
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ABSTRACT

A data processing network including a local system and a geographically remote system. Each of the local and remote systems includes a data storage facility. The remote data storage facility mirrors the local data storage facility. In a normal operating mode, the local and remote systems operate in near synchronism or in synchronism. In an alternate operating mode, writing operations at the local system immediately undate the storage devices in the local data storage facility. Transfers of corresponding data to the remote data storage facility are made independently of and ssynchronously with respect to the operation of the local avatem.

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As will become apparent later. the atternate operating mode implemented with either of two procedures and that the alternate operating mode can be controlled so it operates only under certain conditions or constraints

The first is an "ADAPTIVE COPY-WRITE PENDING* procedure. Step 66 determines whether this procedure was being processed and interrupted lo return to the

SYNC operating mode If it was step 67 determines whether the number of write requests pending for the remote

system are above a maximum If they are not system operation advances to FIG. 2D and returns to the ADAPTIVE COPY WRITE PENDING operating mode Otherwise the system transfers lo await an

ackrowledgement signal in slep 70. The other attemating aperating mode is an ADAPTIVE COPY DISK operating mode. Step 71 determines whether the requested

SYNC operation has been initiated by interrupting such an adaptivé copy-dišk operating mode. If it has, the system tests the number of invalid tracks listed in the TRACK STATUS rable 26 or FIG. 1. If the

number of marked tracks are above a maximum, step 72 transfers to step 70. Otherwise control transfers to the steps in FIG 2E and returns the operations to the

ADAPTIVE COPY-DISK apereting mode.

Detailed Description Text -OETX (30) As will be apparent, in this mode data transfers from the local system 10 to

the remote system () but the local system 10 does not wat for the receipt of any acknowledgment or synchronization from the remote system 11. This mode is especially useful when a large amount of data must be

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